

26 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Campbell, Comptroller General of the United States

1. Under date of 16 March 1959, the Director had a luncheon for Mr. Joseph Campbell, Comptroller General of the United States, at which time the undersigned outlined the duties of the Audit Staff. On 19 March, Mr. Campbell called me and requested that I come to his office, at my convenience, to explain to his Staff the functions of the Audit Staff, because he felt that he could not remember everything that had been said at the luncheon. With the approval of Mr. Lloyd, Acting DD/S, Mr. Saunders and I attended a meeting in the Office of the Comptroller General, on Friday, 20 March 1959. Those present were: Joseph Campbell, Comptroller General; Frank H. Weitzel, Assistant Comptroller General; Robert F. Keller, General Counsel; Ellsworth H. Morse, Jr., Director, Accounting and Auditing Policy Staff; Adolph T. Samuelson, Director, Civil Accounting and Auditing Division; and Lawrence J. Powers, Director, Defense Accounting and Auditing Division.

2. Mr. Campbell stated that he was anxious that the officials of his Staff fully understand the functions and responsibilities of the Audit Staff of the Agency as it would help them in evaluating the work performed by the General Accounting Office audit unit located within the Agency for the audit of Vouchered Funds.

3. The responsibilities as set forth in paragraph 2 of [redacted] were outlined by me. Further, the organization and functions of the Audit Staff, including the overseas branches, were explained. Emphasis was placed on the words contained in the above-referred to regulation whereby the Audit Staff is responsible for reporting on uneconomical, inefficient, or improper practices in use of Agency assets. This was determined important in view of the fact that the Comptroller stated that, in his opinion, the GAO audit unit, on duty with the Agency, was not making a complete audit inasmuch as they did not make the comprehensive-type audit generally made by the General Accounting Office. He was informed that the Audit Staff of the Agency made a comprehensive audit the same as his office did in other Government Departments.

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4. Mr. Saunders discussed the valuable advisory assistance rendered his office by the General Accounting Office audit unit located in the Agency. He also answered a number of questions relating to the difference between vouchered and unvouchered funds and explained the type of documentation supporting the expenditure of each type of funds. In answer to a question, he explained the present status of the new CIA building.

5. As previously mentioned, Mr. Campbell dwelt upon the fact that his unit in the Agency did not make a complete audit because it was not the comprehensive type and he wanted to review the matter. He did state that he would give us a good man to replace [redacted] who is retiring at the end of April.

6. No questions were asked by any of the Comptroller General's Staff that could not be answered readily by Mr. Saunders or by myself and we are of the opinion that Mr. Campbell felt that the unvouchered accounts of the Agency were getting a sound audit by the Audit Staff. The meeting lasted about one and a half hours.

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Chief, Audit Staff

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